NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BOSTON PMSA

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	APR 1988	MAR 1988	APR 1987	#	%	#	%
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1743.2	1733.4	1707.1	9.8	0.6	36.1	2.1
Manufacturing	275.0	275.7	281.7	-0.7	-0.3	-6.7	-2.4
Durable Goods	195.2	196.1	201.3	-0.9	-0.5	-6.1	-3.0
Primary Metals	3.4	3.4	3.2	0.0	****	0.2	6.3
Fabricated Metals	15.5	15.8	16.2	-0.3	-1.9	-0.7	-4.3
Machinery, except electrical	47.4	47.9	48.7	-0.5	-1.0	-1.3	-2.7
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	59.4	59.6	58.5	-0.2	-0.3	0.9	1.5
Transportation equipment	19.0	18.9	23.7	0.1	0.5	-4.7	-19.8
Instruments	39.0	39.2	39.7	-0.2	-0.5	-0.7	-1.8
Nondurable Goods	79.8	79.6	80.4	0.2	0.3	-0.6	-0.7
Food & kindred products	11.2	11.2	11.3	0.0	****	-0.1	-0.9
Textile mill products	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	****	0.2	8.7
Apparel	6.3	6.4	6.9	-0.1	-1.6	-0.6	-8.7
Paper & allied products	6.8	6.7	7.1	0.1	1.5	-0.3	-4.2
Printing & Publishing	33.7	33.5	33.0	0.2	0.6	0.7	2.1
Chemicals	8.2	8.2	8.2	0.0	****	0.0	****
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	8.2	8.2	8.4	0.0	****	-0.2	-2.4
Leather & Leather products	2.3	2.3	2.6	0.0	****	-0.3	-11.5
Mining	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.1	11.1	0.2	25.0
Construction	72.6	67.6	65.4	5.0	7.4	7.2	11.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	75.9	75.4	75.0	0.5	0.7	0.9	1.2
Wholesale & Retail trade	382.8	382.4	381.9	0.4	0.1	0.9	0.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	154.9	154.3	147.8	0.6	0.4	7.1	4.8
Banking	44.2	44.0	41.2	0.2	0.5	3.0	7.3
Insurance	36.4	36.3	36.8	0.1	0.3	-0.4	-1.1
Services	571.6	567.6	553.6	4.0	0.7	18.0	3.3
Health Services	141.7	141.4	137.7	0.3	0.2	4.0	2.9
Educational Services	91.6	91.5	94.1	0.1	0.1	-2.5	-2.7
Government	209.4	209.5	200.9	-0.1	****	8.5	4.2
Federal	38.2	38.4	37.8	-0.2	-0.5	0.4	1.1
U.S. Postal Service	15.4	15.3	14.5	0.1	0.7	0.9	6.2
Federal Hospitals	4.7	4.8	5.1	-0.1	-2.1	-0.4	-7.8
State	50.8	50.5	48.2	0.3	0.6	2.6	5.4
State Hospitals	5.0	5.0	4.8	0.0	****	0.2	4.2
Educational services	9.0	8.8	8.5	0.2	2.3	0.5	5.9
Local	120.4	120.6	114.9	-0.2	-0.2	5.5	4.8

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	APR 1988	MAR 1988	APR 1987	#	%	#	%
SPRINGFIELD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	243.4	241.4	236.6	2.0	0.8	6.8	2.9
Manufacturing	51.4	51.3	50.8	0.1	0.2	0.6	1.2
Durable Goods	26.5	26.5	25.6	0.0	****	0.9	3.5
Fabricated Metals	7.1	7.1	6.9	0.0	****	0.2	2.9
Machinery, except electrical	6.5	6.5	6.1	0.0	****	0.4	6.6
Nondurable Goods	24.9	24.8	25.2	0.1	0.4	-0.3	-1.2
Textile mill products	1.5	1.5	1.7	0.0	****	-0.2	-11.8
Apparel	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.0	****	-0.2	-18.2
Paper & allied products	8.0	8.0	7.8	0.0	****	0.2	2.6
Printing & Publishing	6.2	6.2	6.3	0.0	****	-0.1	-1.6
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	****	0.0	****
Construction	10.2	9.0	9.4	1.2	13.3	0.8	8.5
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	9.8	10.0	9.5	-0.2	-2.0	0.3	3.2
Wholesale & Retail trade	57.5	56.7	55.5	0.8	1.4	2.0	3.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	16.5	16.6	15.6	-0.1	-0.6	0.9	5.8
Services	59.1	59.0	57.3	0.1	0.2	1.8	3.1
Government	38.8	38.7	38.4	0.1	0.3	0.4	1.0
Federal	6.2	6.3	6.1	-0.1	-1.6	0.1	1.6
State	8.6	8.6	8.3	0.0	****	0.3	3.6
Local	24.0	23.8	24.0	0.2	0.8	0.0	****
WORCESTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	205.8	203.5	197.2	2.3	1.1	8.6	4.4
Manufacturing	46.3	46.4	45.7	-0.1	-0.2	0.6	1.3
Durable Goods	31.0	31.1	30.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	2.3
Primary Metals	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	****	0.1	4.8
Fabricated Metals	6.9	6.9	6.7	0.0	****	0.2	3.0
Machinery, except electrical	10.0	10.1	10.1	-0.1	-1.0	-0.1	-1.0
Nondurable Goods	15.3	15.3	15.4	0.0	****	-0.1	-0.6
Textile mill products	2.7	2.7	2.8	0.0	****	-0.1	-3.6
Leather & Leather products	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	****	-0.1	-12.5
Mining	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	100.0	0.1	100.0
Construction	10.1	8.9	9.0	1.2	13.5	1.1	12.2
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	8.7	8.5	8.4	0.2	2.4	0.3	3.6
Wholesale & Retail trade	47.8	47.4	47.3	0.4	0.8	0.5	1.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	14.9	14.7	13.6	0.2	1.4	1.3	9.6
Services	52.0	51.6	49.0	0.4	0.8	3.0	6.1
Government	25.8	25.9	24.1	-0.1	-0.4	1.7	7.1

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	APR 1988	MAR 1988	APR 1987	#	%	#	%
BROCKTON PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	74.1	73.3	71.6	0.8	1.1	2.5	3.5
Manufacturing	11.3	11.5	11.3	-0.2	-1.7	0.0	****
Durable Goods	6.1	6.1	6.1	0.0	****	0.0	****
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.0	****	-0.1	-7.1
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.4	5.2	-0.2	-3.7	0.0	****
Construction	4.3	3.8	3.7	0.5	13.2	0.6	16.2
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	5.0	5.1	5.0	-0.1	-2.0	0.0	****
Wholesale & Retail trade	22.7	22.5	21.7	0.2	0.9	1.0	4.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.2	3.1	3.1	0.1	3.2	0.1	3.2
Services	15.6	15.5	15.0	0.1	0.6	0.6	4.0
Government	12.0	11.8	11.8	0.2	1.7	0.2	1.7
Federal	3.1	3.0	2.9	0.1	3.3	0.2	6.9
State	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	****	0.1	4.2
Local	6.4	6.3	6.5	0.1	1.6	-0.1	-1.5
LAWRENCE - HAVERHILL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	165.5	163.2	161.1	2.3	1.4	4.4	2.7
Manufacturing	50.1	50.4	51.0	-0.3	-0.6	-0.9	-1.8
Durable Goods	36.7	36.9	37.4	-0.2	-0.5	-0.7	-1.9
Nondurable Goods	13.4	13.5	13.6	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	-1.5
Leather & Leather products	1.7	1.8	1.7	-0.1	-5.6	0.0	****
Construction	7.9	7.5	7.9	0.4	5.3	0.0	****
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	6.6	6.7	6.8	-0.1	-1.5	-0.2	-2.9
Wholesale & Retail trade	38.1	36.6	35.5	1.5	4.1	2.6	7.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	6.5	6.4	6.2	0.1	1.6	0.3	4.8
Services	34.7	33.6	32.5	1.1	3.3	2.2	6.8
Government	21.6	22.0	21.2	-0.4	-1.8	0.4	1.9

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	APR 1988	MAR 1988	APR 1987	#	%	#	%
***PITTSFIELD MSA**							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	42.7	41.7	42.1	1.0	2.4	0.6	1.4
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	****	0.0	****
Manufacturing	11.3	11.2	12.2	0.1	0.9	-0.9	-7.4
Machinery	6.5	6.4	7.6	0.1	1.6	-1.1	-14.5
All other manufacturing	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.0	****	0.2	4.3
Construction	2.6	2.1	2.3	0.5	23.8	0.3	13.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	10.0	0.0	****
Wholesale & Retail trade	9.7	9.7	9.3	0.0	****	0.4	4.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.1	2.1	2.0	0.0	****	0.1	5.0
Services	10.6	10.4	10.2	0.2	1.9	0.4	3.9
Government	5.2	5.1	4.9	0.1	2.0	0.3	6.1
NEW BEDFORD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	68.6	67.8	66.1	0.8	1.2	2.5	3.8
Manufacturing	19.0	19.1	19.5	-0.1	-0.5	-0.5	-2.6
Durable Goods	8.1	8.1	8.1	0.0	****	0.0	****
Primary & Fabricated Metals	2.5	2.5	2.8	0.0	****	-0.3	-10.7
Nondurable Goods	10.9	11.0	11.4	-0.1	-0.9	-0.5	-4.4
Apparel	5.8	5.7	5.9	0.1	1.8	-0.1	-1.7
Construction	3.5	3.0	3.0	0.5	16.7	0.5	16.7
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	2.9	2.9	2.7	0.0	****	0.2	7.4
Wholesale & Retail trade	16.8	16.6	16.2	0.2	1.2	0.6	3.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.7	2.6	2.5	0.1	3.8	0.2	8.0
Services	13.2	13.0	12.4	0.2	1.5	0.8	6.5
Government	10.5	10.6	9.8	-0.1	-0.9	0.7	7.1
FALL RIVER MASS. - R.I. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.7	55.3	54.5	0.4	0.7	1.2	2.2
Manufacturing	16.1	16.6	16.7	-0.5	-3.0	-0.6	-3.6
Textile mill products	4.1	4.3	4.3	-0.2	-4.7	-0.2	-4.7
All other manufacturing	12.0	12.3	12.4	-0.3	-2.4	-0.4	-3.2
Construction	2.6	2.1	2.3	0.5	23.8	0.3	13.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.9	1.8	1.9	0.1	5.6	0.0	****
Wholesale & Retail trade	15.0	14.7	13.7	0.3	2.0	1.3	9.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.1	3.2	2.9	-0.1	-3.1	0.2	6.9
Services	10.5	10.3	10.2	0.2	1.9	0.3	2.9
Government	6.5	6.6	6.8	-0.1	-1.5	-0.3	-4.4

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	APR 1988	MAR 1988	APR 1987	#	%	#	%
FITCHBURG - LEOMINSTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	40.4	39.8	39.9	0.6	1.5	0.5	1.3
Manufacturing	11.6	11.6	11.8	0.0	****	-0.2	-1.7
Durable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	****	0.1	2.2
Machinery, except electrical	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	****	0.1	3.4
Nondurable Goods	6.9	6.9	7.2	0.0	****	-0.3	-4.2
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	3.6	3.6	3.9	0.0	****	-0.3	-7.7
Construction	2.6	2.4	2.4	0.2	8.3	0.2	8.3
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.6	1.7	1.6	-0.1	-5.9	0.0	****
Wholesale & Retail trade	10.1	10.0	9.9	0.1	1.0	0.2	2.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.7	0.0	****	0.1	5.9
Services	8.3	8.0	7.8	0.3	3.8	0.5	6.4
Government	4.4	4.3	4.7	0.1	2.3	-0.3	-6.4
LOWELL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	107.8	106.1	105.1	1.7	1.6	2.7	2.6
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	****	-0.1	-50.0
Manufacturing	36.0	36.0	36.1	0.0	****	-0.1	-0.3
Construction	5.8	5.2	5.3	0.6	11.5	0.5	9.4
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.4	3.6	3.4	-0.2	-5.6	0.0	****
Wholesale & Retail trade	23.3	22.8	22.4	0.5	2.2	0.9	4.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4.3	4.2	4.3	0.1	2.4	0.0	****
Services	20.8	20.2	20.0	0.6	3.0	0.8	4.0
Government	14.1	14.0	13.4	0.1	0.7	0.7	5.2
***SALEM - GLOUCESTER PMSA**							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	113.3	111.2	109.9	2.1	1.9	3.4	3.1
Manufacturing	21.7	21.6	22.1	0.1	0.5	-0.4	-1.8
Durable Goods	15.1	15.0	15.3	0.1	0.7	-0.2	-1.3
Nondurable Goods	6.6	6.6	6.8	0.0	****	-0.2	-2.9
Construction	5.1	4.7	4.4	0.4	8.5	0.7	15.9
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.8	3.7	3.5	0.1	2.7	0.3	8.6
Wholesale & Retail trade	32.9	32.5	32.5	0.4	1.2	0.4	1.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	5.9	5.8	5.3	0.1	1.7	0.6	11.3
Services	27.7	26.7	26.5	1.0	3.7	1.2	4.5
Government	16.1	16.1	15.5	0.0	****	0.6	3.9

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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

MANUFACTURING

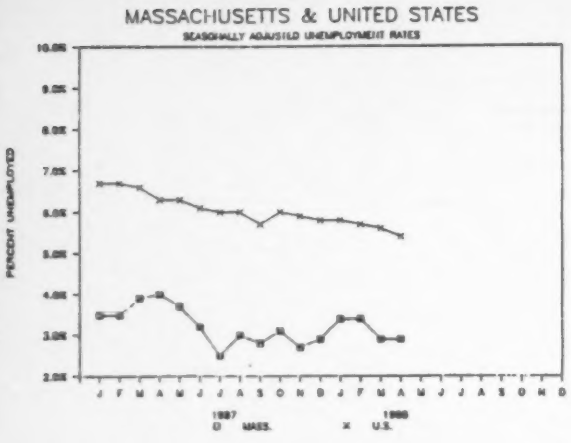
Area	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	APR 88	MAR 88	APR 87	APR 88	MAR 88	APR 87
UNITED STATES	41.0	40.0	40.4	$10.12	$10.07	$9.87
MASSACHUSETTS	41.3	41.3	40.2	10.17	10.07	9.66
BOSTON	41.4	41.5	40.1	10.90	10.85	10.55
BROCKTON	40.4	40.4	40.9	8.35	8.38	7.93
FALL RIVER	37.5	37.0	37.0	7.62	7.53	7.58
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL	40.4	40.2	40.1	9.97	9.96	10.03
LOWELL	42.3	42.6	42.3	10.04	10.04	10.08
NEW BEDFORD	37.9	37.5	39.3	8.73	8.71	8.19
SPRINGFIELD	42.7	43.0	41.7	9.56	9.51	9.11
WORCESTER	40.0	40.7	40.6	10.28	10.27	9.70

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

MASSACHUSETTS

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	APR 88	MAR 88	APR 87	APR 88	MAR 88	APR 87
MANUFACTURING	41.3	41.3	40.2	10.17	10.07	9.66
DURABLE GOODS	41.7	41.7	41.1	10.61	10.50	10.11
LUMBER & FURNITURE	40.0	39.7	39.0	7.82	7.88	7.21
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	40.3	40.6	39.3	12.77	12.45	11.41
PRIMARY METALS	42.1	42.4	42.8	10.13	10.04	9.30
FABRICATED METALS	41.7	42.5	40.1	10.61	10.58	10.05
CUTLERY, ETC.	44.9	45.8	43.2	11.10	11.17	11.18
MACHINERY, EX. ELEC.	43.9	43.7	42.1	10.81	10.71	10.52
METALWORKING MACH.	44.7	45.0	42.4	11.14	11.15	10.87
SPECIAL INDU. MACH.	43.7	44.6	43.8	12.11	12.34	11.77
ELEC. & ELECTRON. MACH.	41.7	42.3	42.0	10.19	10.16	9.71
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP.	42.5	42.9	42.7	10.60	10.51	10.07
ELECTRONIC COMP.	41.6	42.3	43.3	10.11	10.12	9.66
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	43.2	44.2	39.6	12.73	12.61	11.86
INSTRUMENTS	39.2	36.6	40.2	11.01	10.65	10.90
MEAS. & CONTROL DEVICES	43.8	46.1	42.9	8.68	8.66	8.29
MISC. MANUFAC. IND.	41.2	41.9	40.2	8.90	8.97	8.56
JEWELRY	41.9	41.7	40.3	7.83	7.88	7.37
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.7	40.7	38.8	9.54	9.46	8.88
FOOD & KINDRED PROD.	39.2	39.1	39.7	10.15	10.15	9.39
TEXTILE MILL PROD.	42.6	43.0	40.6	8.69	8.46	8.26
APPAREL	38.8	38.9	37.7	6.66	6.61	6.71
MENS & BOYS SUITS	40.2	40.2	39.6	7.40	7.20	7.69
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	46.8	45.2	42.3	10.24	10.08	9.10
PRINTING & PUBLISHING	38.0	38.0	36.5	10.46	10.48	9.92
CHEMICALS	40.7	41.9	39.8	11.90	11.83	11.37
RUBBER & PLASTIC PROD.	42.5	42.7	39.7	9.41	9.32	8.42
MISC. PLAS. PROD.	41.2	41.5	38.1	9.39	9.30	8.03
LEATHER & LEATHER PROD.	37.0	37.3	35.9	7.57	7.63	7.49
FOOTWEAR, EX. RUBBER	38.4	38.8	34.8	6.83	6.88	6.84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Unemployment Rate Drops Slightly

The state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in April 1988 remained at 2.9 percent. April 1988 marked the 50th consecutive month that the Commonwealth's unemployment rate ranked as the lowest or tied for the lowest rate of the eleven largest industrial states. The percentage unemployed dropped at the national level from 5.6 percent in March 1988 to 5.4 percent in April 1988.

- Seasonally unadjusted unemployment levels declined over the month in most areas of the state. Major areas with the lowest percentage of unemployed include the Boston PMSA (2.5 percent), the Worcester MSA (2.6 percent), and the Springfield MSA (2.8 percent). The Fall River PMSA and New Bedford MSA unemployment rates remained the highest of the large areas at 4.9 percent and 4.6 percent respectively.

- Reflecting intense seasonal demand for workers, the Nantucket labor area experienced the lowest unemployment rate of the smaller labor areas with a rate of 1.4 percent. In the Athol and Attleboro labor areas, unemployment levels reached 5.0 and 4.4 percent respectively.

The Worksharing Program

Legislation going into effect on July 1, 1988 provides an alternative for employers who are considering a layoff. The law which was signed in January 1988, creates the Worksharing Program which enables employers faced with a slow down to retain their workforce and allows workers to keep their jobs.

Under the Worksharing Program, employers can share the available hours among all affected employees. Employers can keep all their trained skilled employees and workers can keep their jobs and benefits, and are eligible to receive partial unemployment benefits for their cutback in hours. The Massachusetts Division of Employment Security has a toll free number for worksharing information: 800-328-4113.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
UNITED STATES AND MASSACHUSETTS
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987
United States	5.4	5.6	6.3
Massachusetts	2.9	2.9	3.8
Labor Force	3,163.0	3,190.0	3,082.0
Employed	3,072.0	3,096.0	2,965.0
Unemployed	91.0	94.0	117.0

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987
UNITED STATES			
LABOR FORCE	120,264,000	119,957,000	118,347,000
EMPLOYMENT	113,905,000	112,867,000	111,041,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,359,000	7,090,000	7,306,000
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.3	5.9	6.2
MASSACHUSETTS			
LABOR FORCE	3,135,400	3,168,700	3,056,300
EMPLOYMENT	3,043,800	3,054,900	2,937,900
UNEMPLOYMENT	91,600	113,800	118,400
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.9	3.6	3.9
MAJOR LABOR AREAS			
BOSTON PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	1,556,360	1,576,800	1,520,260
EMPLOYMENT	1,517,090	1,530,090	1,470,490
UNEMPLOYMENT	39,270	46,710	49,770
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.5	3.0	3.3
BROCKTON PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	99,150	99,870	95,740
EMPLOYMENT	95,850	95,980	91,580
UNEMPLOYMENT	3,290	3,880	4,160
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.3	3.9	4.3
FALL RIVER PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	75,750	77,220	75,390
EMPLOYMENT	72,050	72,040	69,940
UNEMPLOYMENT	3,700	5,180	5,450
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.9	6.7	7.2
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER MSA			
LABOR FORCE	45,780	46,090	46,870
EMPLOYMENT	44,270	44,150	44,410
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,510	1,940	2,460
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.3	4.2	5.3
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	186,320	185,720	182,850
EMPLOYMENT	179,530	177,910	173,850
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,800	7,810	9,000
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.6	4.2	4.9
LOWELL PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	151,650	151,700	148,210
EMPLOYMENT	147,350	146,370	142,310
UNEMPLOYMENT	4,300	5,340	5,910
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.8	3.5	4.0
NEW BEDFORD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	86,830	88,180	83,560
EMPLOYMENT	82,810	82,930	78,260
UNEMPLOYMENT	4,020	5,250	5,300
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.6	6.0	6.3

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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987
PITTSFIELD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	41,210	41,200	40,320
EMPLOYMENT	39,450	39,150	38,510
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,760	2,050	1,810
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.3	5.0	4.5
SALEM-GLOUCESTER PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	153,570	154,360	149,140
EMPLOYMENT	148,980	148,960	143,620
UNEMPLOYMENT	4,590	5,400	5,520
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.0	3.5	3.7
SPRINGFIELD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	256,120	259,820	249,380
EMPLOYMENT	248,980	250,560	239,680
UNEMPLOYMENT	7,140	9,270	9,700
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.8	3.6	3.9
WORCESTER MSA			
LABOR FORCE	220,990	223,280	211,520
EMPLOYMENT	215,280	215,810	204,300
UNEMPLOYMENT	5,700	7,470	7,220
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.6	3.3	3.4
OTHER LABOR AREAS			
AMHERST LMA			
LABOR FORCE	31,080	31,030	30,240
EMPLOYMENT	30,390	30,200	29,370
UNEMPLOYMENT	690	830	880
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.2	2.7	2.9
ATHOL LMA			
LABOR FORCE	10,120	10,380	9,980
EMPLOYMENT	9,610	9,730	9,410
UNEMPLOYMENT	510	640	570
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.0	6.2	5.7
ATTLEBORO LMA			
LABOR FORCE	49,450	50,140	47,740
EMPLOYMENT	47,300	47,320	45,240
UNEMPLOYMENT	2,150	2,830	2,500
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.4	5.6	5.2
BARNSTABLE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	96,660	95,060	95,590
EMPLOYMENT	92,540	89,290	90,850
UNEMPLOYMENT	4,130	5,770	4,740
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.3	6.1	5.0
DUKES COUNTY LMA			
LABOR FORCE	6,770	5,990	5,810
EMPLOYMENT	6,570	5,690	5,520
UNEMPLOYMENT	200	300	290
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.0	5.0	4.9

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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
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(In Thousands)

AREA	April 1988	March 1988	April 1987
GARDNER LMA			
LABOR FORCE	14,980	15,050	14,850
EMPLOYMENT	14,440	14,300	13,900
UNEMPLOYMENT	550	750	940
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.6	5.0	6.3
GREAT BARRINGTON LMA			
LABOR FORCE	8,910	9,220	8,780
EMPLOYMENT	8,670	8,890	8,490
UNEMPLOYMENT	250	330	290
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.7	3.6	3.3
GREENFIELD LMA			
LABOR FORCE	26,140	26,390	24,890
EMPLOYMENT	25,500	25,530	24,160
UNEMPLOYMENT	630	870	740
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.4	3.3	3.0
NANTUCKET LMA			
LABOR FORCE	4,310	4,300	4,300
EMPLOYMENT	4,250	4,190	4,210
UNEMPLOYMENT	60	120	90
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	1.4	2.7	2.1
NORTH ADAMS LMA			
LABOR FORCE	20,860	21,110	19,520
EMPLOYMENT	20,050	20,100	18,430
UNEMPLOYMENT	810	1,010	1,090
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.9	4.8	5.6
SOUTHBRIDGE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	13,300	14,030	13,460
EMPLOYMENT	12,780	13,210	12,740
UNEMPLOYMENT	520	820	720
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.9	5.8	5.4
TAUNTON LMA			
LABOR FORCE	27,320	27,660	25,150
EMPLOYMENT	26,340	26,350	23,780
UNEMPLOYMENT	980	1,310	1,370
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.6	4.7	5.5
WARE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	8,300	8,360	8,280
EMPLOYMENT	7,960	7,890	7,940
UNEMPLOYMENT	350	470	340
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.2	5.6	4.2
BALANCE of WESTERN MASS EA			
LABOR FORCE	8,720	8,960	8,520
EMPLOYMENT	8,430	8,560	8,150
UNEMPLOYMENT	290	400	360
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.3	4.5	4.3

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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
MASSACHUSETTS CITIES AND TOWNS

APRIL 1988 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
ABINGTON	7,670	7,437	233	3.0
ACTON	10,152	10,002	150	1.5
ACUSHNET	5,211	5,026	185	3.6
ADAMS	5,439	5,202	237	4.4
AGAWAM	14,550	14,278	272	1.9
ALFORD	231	221	10	4.3
AMESBURY	7,361	7,110	251	3.4
AMHERST	19,635	19,259	376	1.9
ANDOVER	13,969	13,682	287	2.1
ARLINGTON	26,506	26,027	479	1.8
ASHBURNHAM	2,353	2,284	69	2.9
ASHBY	1,240	1,206	34	2.7
ASHFIELD	890	867	23	2.6
ASHLAND	7,152	6,965	187	2.6
ATHOL	4,423	4,179	244	5.5
ATTLEBORO	18,548	17,748	800	4.3
AUBURN	8,598	8,468	130	1.5
AVON	2,910	2,806	104	3.6
AYER	3,530	3,439	91	2.6
BARNSTABLE	19,838	18,882	956	4.8
BARRE	2,311	2,262	49	2.1
BECKET	730	695	35	4.8
BEDFORD	6,850	6,743	107	1.6
BELCHERTOWN	4,846	4,752	94	1.9
BELLINGHAM	7,766	7,340	426	5.5
BELMONT	14,157	13,930	227	1.6
BERKLEY	1,777	1,730	47	2.6
BERLIN	1,286	1,257	29	2.3
BERNARDSTON	1,007	975	32	3.2
BEVERLY	22,482	21,981	501	2.2
BILLERICA	22,863	22,299	564	2.5
BLACKSTONE	3,504	3,244	260	7.4
BLANDFORD	556	543	13	2.3
BOLTON	1,665	1,630	35	2.1
BOSTON	301,476	292,216	9,260	3.1
BOURNE	7,195	6,978	217	3.0
BOXBOROUGH	2,068	2,038	30	1.5
BOXFORD	3,059	3,005	54	1.8
BOYLSTON	2,153	2,109	44	2.0
BRAINTREE	19,282	18,827	455	2.4
BREWSTER	3,316	3,223	93	2.8
BRIDGEWATER	9,521	9,258	263	2.8
BRIMFIELD	1,217	1,181	36	3.0
BROCKTON	48,855	46,960	1,895	3.9
BROOKFIELD	1,509	1,465	44	2.9
BROOKLINE	32,408	31,866	542	1.7
BUCKLAND	987	980	7	0.7
BURLINGTON	13,755	13,478	277	2.0
CAMBRIDGE	54,468	53,281	1,187	2.2
CANTON	10,335	10,117	218	2.1
CARLISLE	2,254	2,218	36	1.6
CARVER	4,645	4,487	158	3.4
CHARLEMONT	653	630	23	3.5
CHARLTON	4,205	4,102	103	2.4
CHATHAM	3,092	3,014	78	2.5
CHELMSFORD	19,556	19,175	381	1.9
CHELSEA	11,613	11,141	472	4.1
CHESHIRE	1,706	1,654	52	3.0
CHESTER	531	504	27	5.1
CHESTERFIELD	590	572	18	3.1
CHICOPEE	29,515	28,553	962	3.3
CHILMARK	392	387	5	1.3
CLARKSBURG	1,032	1,008	24	2.3
CLINTON	6,846	6,602	244	3.6
COHASSET	3,890	3,787	103	2.6
COLRAIN	871	851	20	2.3
CONCORD	9,217	9,115	102	1.1
CONWAY	825	805	20	2.4
CUMMINGTON	386	378	8	2.1
DALTON	3,375	3,232	143	4.2
DANVERS	14,609	14,360	249	1.7
DARTMOUTH	13,961	13,456	505	3.6
DEDHAM	13,602	13,314	288	2.1
DEERFIELD	2,852	2,790	62	2.2
DENNIS	6,698	6,428	270	4.0
DIGHTON	2,737	2,659	78	2.8
DOUGLAS	2,393	2,315	78	3.3
DOVER	2,458	2,431	27	1.1
DRACUT	15,128	14,710	418	2.8
DUDLEY	5,033	4,922	111	2.2
DUNSTABLE	1,236	1,222	14	1.1
DUXBURY	6,773	6,663	110	1.6
EAST BRIDGEWATER	5,397	5,268	129	2.4
EAST BROOKFIELD	963	943	20	2.1
EAST LONGMEADOW	6,438	6,335	103	1.6
EASTHAM	2,279	2,189	90	3.9
EASTHAMPTON	8,905	8,692	213	2.4
EASTON	10,988	10,739	249	2.3
EDGARTOWN	1,907	1,834	73	3.8
EGREMONT	796	779	17	2.1
ERVING	559	547	12	2.1
ESSEX	1,746	1,694	52	3.0
EVERETT	18,899	18,223	676	3.6
FAIRHAVEN	8,066	7,750	316	3.9
FALL RIVER	42,545	39,991	2,554	6.0
FALMOUTH	13,388	13,013	375	2.8
FITCHBURG	18,106	17,483	623	3.4
FLORIDA	380	367	13	3.4
FOXBOROUGH	8,123	7,987	136	1.7
FRAMINGHAM	39,769	38,588	1,181	3.0
FRANKLIN	10,153	9,889	264	2.6
FREETOWN	4,273	4,140	133	3.1
GARDNER	8,286	8,017	269	3.2
GAY HEAD	115	111	4	3.5
GEORGETOWN	3,096	3,026	70	2.3
GILL	745	740	5	0.7
GLOUCESTER	16,313	14,962	1,351	8.3
GOSHEN	403	398	5	1.2
GOSNOLD	32	32	0	0.0
GRAFTON	6,936	6,800	136	2.0
GRANBY	2,867	2,799	68	2.4
GRANVILLE	659	648	11	1.7
GREAT BARRINGTON	3,864	3,737	127	3.3
GREENFIELD	9,515	9,290	225	2.4
GROTON	3,887	3,835	52	1.3
GROVELAND	2,723	2,650	73	2.7
HADLEY	3,016	2,927	89	3.0
HALIFAX	2,964	2,876	88	3.0
HAMILTON	4,182	4,132	50	1.2
HAMPDEN	2,284	2,240	44	1.9
HANCOCK	348	344	4	1.1
HANOVER	6,111	5,984	127	2.1
HANSON	4,431	4,300	131	3.0
HARDWICK	927	874	53	5.7
HARVARD	3,460	3,416	44	1.3
HARWICH	4,589	4,433	156	3.4
HATFIELD	2,183	2,105	78	3.6
HAVERHILL	23,522	22,705	817	3.5
HAWLEY	190	186	4	2.1
HEATH	300	294	6	2.0
HINGHAM	10,194	9,994	200	2.0
HINSDALE	862	818	44	5.1
HOLBROOK	6,192	6,016	176	2.8
HOLDEN	7,718	7,602	116	1.5
HOLLAND	776	761	15	1.9
HOLLISTON	7,507	7,367	140	1.9
HOLYOKE	18,216	17,455	761	4.2
HOPEDALE	2,092	2,012	80	3.8
HOPKINTON	4,984	4,877	107	2.1
HUBBARDSTON	893	855	38	4.3
HUDSON	10,587	10,317	270	2.6
HULL	4,739	4,533	206	4.3
HUNTINGTON	916	898	18	2.0
IPSWICH	6,894	6,751	143	2.1
KINGSTON	4,300	4,157	143	3.3
LAKEVILLE	3,626	3,565	61	1.7
LANCASTER	3,204	3,146	58	1.8
LANESBOROUGH	1,636	1,580	56	3.4
LAWRENCE	29,179	27,473	1,706	5.8
LEE	3,037	2,902	135	4.4
LEICESTER	5,274	5,167	107	2.0
LENOX	3,380	3,308	72	2.1
LEOMINSTER	16,999	16,397	602	3.5
LEVERETT	1,125	1,104	21	1.9
LEXINGTON	16,785	16,582	203	1.2
LEYDEN	359	352	7	1.9
LINCOLN	3,522	3,481	41	1.2
LITTLETON	4,081	4,066	15	0.4
LONGMEADOW	7,877	7,770	107	1.4
LOWELL	53,028	51,183	1,845	3.5
LUDLOW	10,525	10,220	305	2.9
LUNENBURG	4,349	4,270	79	1.8
LYNN	40,308	38,644	1,664	4.1
LYNNFIELD	6,153	6,053	100	1.6

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APRIL 1988 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
MALDEN	28,975	28,118	857	3.0
MANCHESTER	2,948	2,880	68	2.3
MANSFIELD	8,315	8,191	124	1.5
MARBLEHEAD	11,761	11,541	220	1.9
MARION	2,048	1,984	64	3.1
MARLBOROUGH	18,882	18,439	443	2.3
MARSHFIELD	11,849	11,535	314	2.7
MASHPEE	3,335	3,260	75	2.2
MATTAPOISETT	3,214	3,130	84	2.6
MAYNARD	5,753	5,627	126	2.2
MEDFIELD	5,603	5,520	83	1.5
MEDFORD	30,971	30,230	741	2.4
MEDWAY	5,168	5,038	130	2.5
MELROSE	15,912	15,560	352	2.2
MENDON	1,905	1,856	49	2.6
MERRIMAC	2,460	2,375	85	3.5
METHUEN	21,423	20,796	627	2.9
MIDDLEBOROUGH	8,197	7,947	250	3.0
MIDDLEFIELD	189	176	13	6.9
MIDDLETON	2,987	2,910	77	2.6
MILFORD	13,510	12,959	551	4.1
MILLBURY	6,398	6,255	143	2.2
MILLIS	4,030	3,925	105	2.6
MILLVILLE	992	919	73	7.4
MILTON	13,134	12,885	249	1.9
MONROE	68	59	9	13.2
MONSON	3,657	3,568	89	2.4
MONTAGUE	4,324	4,208	116	2.7
MONTEREY	583	573	10	1.7
MONTGOMERY	312	310	2	0.6
MOUNT WASHINGTON	74	72	2	2.7
NAHANT	2,234	2,164	70	3.1
NANTUCKET	4,314	4,252	62	1.4
NATICK	18,183	17,848	335	1.8
NEEDHAM	15,312	15,104	208	1.4
NEW ASHFORD	106	103	3	2.8
NEW BEDFORD	48,054	45,366	2,688	5.6
NEW BRAINTREE	306	298	8	2.6
NEW MARLBOROUGH	730	718	12	1.6
NEW SALEM	410	373	37	9.0
NEWBURY	2,664	2,605	59	2.2
NEWBURYPORT	8,865	8,590	275	3.1
NEWTON	48,275	47,502	773	1.6
NORFOLK	3,653	3,588	65	1.8
NORTH ADAMS	8,771	8,346	425	4.8
NORTH ANDOVER	11,425	11,132	293	2.6
NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH	12,291	11,858	433	3.5
NORTH BROOKFIELD	2,196	2,149	47	2.1
NORTH READING	6,933	6,790	143	2.1
NORTHAMPTON	14,567	14,243	324	2.2
NORTHBOROUGH	6,456	6,363	93	1.4
NORTHBRIDGE	6,703	6,527	176	2.6
NORTHFIELD	1,351	1,328	23	1.7
NORTON	7,576	7,410	166	2.2
NORWELL	4,884	4,794	90	1.8
NORWOOD	16,918	16,472	446	2.6
OAK BLUFFS	1,262	1,202	60	4.8
OAKHAM	515	506	9	1.7
ORANGE	2,784	2,637	147	5.3
ORLEANS	2,902	2,832	70	2.4
OTIS	459	424	35	7.6
OXFORD	6,543	6,360	183	2.8
PALMER	6,327	6,163	164	2.6
PAXTON	2,219	2,200	19	0.9
PEABODY	27,895	27,170	725	2.6
PELHAM	938	917	21	2.2
PEMBROKE	7,469	7,266	203	2.7
PEPPERELL	5,410	5,255	155	2.9
PERU	387	370	17	4.4
PETERSHAM	431	426	5	1.2
PHILLIPSTON	478	449	29	6.1
PITTSFIELD	25,019	23,814	1,205	4.8
PLAINFIELD	203	194	9	4.4
PLAINVILLE	3,375	3,065	310	9.2
PLYMOUTH	19,216	18,519	697	3.6
PLYMPTON	1,136	1,108	28	2.5
PRINCETON	1,707	1,684	23	1.3
PROVINCETOWN	2,609	1,983	626	24.0
QUINCY	46,934	45,533	1,401	3.0

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City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
RANDOLPH	16,548	16,072	476	2.9
RAYNHAM	5,171	5,056	115	2.2
READING	13,143	12,901	242	1.8
REHOBOTH	4,245	4,106	139	3.3
REVERE	22,940	22,194	746	3.3
RICHMOND	868	850	18	2.1
ROCHESTER	1,998	1,956	42	2.1
ROCKLAND	7,876	7,667	209	2.7
ROCKPORT	3,381	3,216	165	4.9
ROWE	185	176	9	4.9
ROWLEY	2,724	2,651	73	2.7
ROYALSTON	434	422	12	2.8
RUSSELL	785	773	12	1.5
RUTLAND	2,479	2,428	51	2.1
SALEM	22,508	21,855	653	2.9
SALISBURY	3,577	3,378	199	5.6
SANDISFIELD	383	375	8	2.1
SANDWICH	6,711	6,548	163	2.4
SAUGUS	14,669	14,277	392	2.7
SAVOY	423	364	59	13.9
SCITUATE	9,096	8,916	180	2.0
SEEKONK	6,500	6,361	139	2.1
SHARON	8,305	8,157	148	1.8
SHEFFIELD	1,519	1,486	33	2.2
SHELBURNE	1,015	974	41	4.0
SHERBORN	2,199	2,167	32	1.5
SHIRLEY	2,797	2,745	52	1.9
SHREWSBURY	13,115	12,894	221	1.7
SHUTESBURY	902	881	21	2.3
SOMERSET	9,717	9,419	298	3.1
SOMERVILLE	40,722	39,550	1,172	2.9
SOUTH HADLEY	8,881	8,691	190	2.1
SOUTHAMPTON	2,409	2,365	44	1.8
SOUTHBOROUGH	3,657	3,595	62	1.7
SOUTHBRIDGE	7,350	7,009	341	4.6
SOUTHWICK	4,144	4,073	71	1.7
SPENCER	6,055	5,929	126	2.1
SPRINGFIELD	68,224	65,821	2,403	3.5
STERLING	3,692	3,617	75	2.0
STOCKBRIDGE	1,322	1,288	34	2.6
STONEHAM	12,894	12,626	268	2.1
STOUGHTON	15,162	14,749	413	2.7
STOW	3,178	3,122	56	1.8
STURBRIDGE	3,351	3,255	96	2.9
SUDBURY	7,661	7,542	119	1.6
SUNDERLAND	2,324	2,261	63	2.7
SUTTON	3,395	3,350	45	1.3
SWAMPSCOTT	7,841	7,675	166	2.1
SWANSEA	8,093	7,859	234	2.9
TAUNTON	22,802	21,947	855	3.7
TEMPLETON	2,576	2,465	111	4.3
TEWKSBURY	15,193	14,820	373	2.5
TISBURY	2,215	2,164	51	2.3
TOLLAND	134	128	6	4.5
TOPSFIELD	3,121	3,051	70	2.2
TOWNSEND	4,478	4,427	51	1.1
TRURO	661	593	68	10.3
TYNGSBOROUGH	4,839	4,700	139	2.9
TYRINGHAM	224	220	4	1.8
UPTON	2,359	2,301	58	2.5
UXBRIDGE	4,803	4,665	138	2.9
WAKEFIELD	14,442	14,075	367	2.5
WALES	601	570	31	5.2
WALPOLE	11,000	10,585	415	3.8
WALTHAM	33,919	33,208	711	2.1
WARE	3,759	3,591	168	4.5
WAREHAM	9,555	9,081	474	5.0
WARREN	1,457	1,391	66	4.5
WARWICK	224	216	8	3.6
WASHINGTON	281	278	3	1.1
WATERTOWN	20,281	19,893	388	1.9
WAYLAND	7,048	6,962	86	1.2
WEBSTER	7,850	7,552	298	3.8
WELLESLEY	14,129	13,982	147	1.0
WELLFLEET	1,188	1,089	99	8.3
WENDELL	372	359	13	3.5
WENHAM	2,177	2,147	30	1.4
WEST BOYLSTON	3,401	3,349	52	1.5
WEST BRIDGEWATER	3,502	3,397	105	3.0

APRIL 1988 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

City or Town Name	Labor Force	Employ-ment	Unemploy-ment	Rate
WEST BROOKFIELD	1,338	1,296	42	3.1
WEST NEWBURY	1,609	1,590	19	1.2
WEST SPRINGFIELD	14,811	14,450	361	2.4
WEST STOCKBRIDGE	734	709	25	3.4
WEST TISBURY	844	838	6	0.7
WESTBOROUGH	8,035	7,892	143	1.8
WESTFIELD	18,627	18,186	441	2.4
WESTFORD	9,036	8,844	192	2.1
WESTHAMPTON	732	716	16	2.2
WESTMINSTER	2,731	2,631	100	3.7
WESTON	5,777	5,722	55	1.0
WESTPORT	6,922	6,682	240	3.5
WESTWOOD	7,008	6,907	101	1.4
WEYMOUTH	30,826	30,016	810	2.6
WHATELY	949	933	16	1.7
WHITMAN	7,340	7,113	227	3.1
WILBRAHAM	6,435	6,346	89	1.4
WILLIAMSBURG	1,351	1,327	24	1.8
WILLIAMSTOWN	4,363	4,316	47	1.1
WILMINGTON	9,514	9,268	246	2.6
WINCHENDON	3,227	3,100	127	3.9
WINCHESTER	11,040	10,850	190	1.7
WINDSOR	340	308	32	9.4
WINTHROP	10,869	10,581	288	2.6
WOBURN	22,356	21,866	490	2.2
WORCESTER	82,006	79,317	2,689	3.3
WORTHINGTON	566	555	11	1.9
WRENTHAM	3,955	3,840	115	2.9
YARMOUTH	9,308	8,992	316	3.4

NOTE: By place of residence, not comparable to nonagricultural wage and salary employment

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS[1]
MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREAS	INITIAL CLAIMS			CONTINUED CLAIMS[2]		
	APR 88	MAR 88	APR 87	APR 88	MAR 88	APR 87
MASSACHUSETTS	7,582	5,198	7,275	55,410	67,805	52,021
MAJOR LABOR AREAS						
BOSTON PMSA	1,593	1,971	1,637	22,444	26,476	20,030
BROCKTON PMSA	144	155	138	1,764	2,096	1,600
FALL RIVER PMSA[3]	368	395	464	2,565	3,689	3,298
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER MSA	81	84	163	782	1,126	1,115
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL PMSA[4]	294	285	387	2,994	3,579	3,287
LOWELL PMSA[4]	154	205	142	2,051	2,601	2,023
NEW BEDFORD MSA	328	363	373	2,574	3,495	2,653
PITTSFIELD MSA	60	81	74	1,149	1,307	855
SPRINFIELD MSA	284	304	261	2,754	3,255	2,408
SALEM-GLOUCESTER PMSA	342	466	333	3,891	5,296	4,049
WORCESTER MSA	246	351	249	3,155	4,399	2,923
OTHER LABOR AREAS						
AMHERST LMA	10	8	11	138	236	128
ATHOL LMA	35	28	25	294	396	252
BARNSTABLE COUNTY LMA	115	177	149	2,546	3,909	2,110
BALANCE OF WESTERN MA EA	11	15	19	148	225	134
DUKES COUNTY LMA	2	9	5	105	184	122
GARDNER LMA	30	46	70	302	451	415
GREAT BARRINGTON LMA	16	15	14	127	195	112
GREENFIELD LMA	24	32	19	366	528	308
NANTUCKET LMA	0	3	1	41	78	41
NORTH ADAMS LMA	53	53	64	515	669	476
SOUTHBRIDGE LMA	18	68	36	305	496	335
TAUNTON LMA	84	108	96	583	834	639
WARE LMA	18	16	13	221	321	174

1 - Week that includes the 12th
2 - Includes regular compensation not extended compensation
3 - Includes Rhode Island residents of PMSA
4 - Includes New Hampshire residents of PMSA

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment. Includes all workers who worked full or part-time or who received vacation pay, holiday pay or sick leave pay directly from the employer for the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excluded are workers in most agricultural industries as well as those in forestry, fisheries and international government. Also excluded are self-employed workers, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households.

Benchmark. A reasonably complete count of employment at a specified period of time, usually the first quarter of the year. The principal sources of benchmark data for the CES Program are tabulations of employment reported by establishments covered by the Massachusetts Employment Security Law and by Federal government agencies covered by Federal U.I. Law. These principal sources are supplemented for those nonagricultural jobs not covered by U.I. (e.g., religious, students employed by the institution attended).

Establishment. An establishment is an economic unit which produces goods or services, generally at a single physical location, and is engaged in only one type of activity.

Labor Force. The sum of the employed and unemployed living in the area (total employment plus total unemployment).

Total Employment. The count of persons, living in the area, who did any work at all, in any area, for pay or profit during the week of the month including the 12th or who had a job from which they were temporarily absent because of illness, vacation, labor dispute or other reasons which does not reflect a shortage of work.

Total Unemployment. The count of persons, living in the area, who did no work at all, in any area, during the week of the month including the 12th, but who were looking for work or awaiting recall from layoff or beginning a new job within the next 30 days.

Unemployment Rate. Unemployment expressed as a percent of the labor force.

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Employment Review

MAY 1988

State Economy Adds New Jobs

Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Commonwealth continued to increase, as the number of jobs grew by 24,700 since April 1988. The State's employment reached 3,124,400 in May.

- In response to seasonal factors, the construction sector added 7,600 jobs. Other industry sectors experiencing significant growth in May include the wholesale and retail trade industry (9,500 new jobs), finance, insurance, and real estate (2,100 new jobs) and transportation, communication and public utilities (1,100 new jobs).

- Employment levels in the service sector grew by 5,200 since April 1988. Improved job opportunities in health and other service industries con-tributed to the growth in the service sector. Normal seasonal factors reduced employment in educational services by 3,600 jobs, as many schools and universities began to cut back staff before the summer break.

- In the manufacturing sector, employment fell slightly over the month as the number of jobs declined by 500. Employment in the high technology manufacturing sector fell by 800 jobs in May 1988.

The state's economic expansion has created 68,300 new jobs since May 1987. This represents an annual growth rate for Massachusetts total nonagricultural wage and salary employment of 2.2 percent.

- In the service sector, opportunities improved as employment grew by 36,100 or 4.2 percent over the period. Employment levels expanded in the health services component by 7,000 or 2.9 percent. The construction sector also displayed impressive growth, adding 15,000 jobs to the economy over the year.

- Other sectors that provided increased job opportunities for Massachusetts' workers included wholesale and retail trade (11,700 new jobs), and finance, insurance, and real estate (12,100 new jobs). Employment levels in transportation, communications, and public utilities grew modestly (1,000 new jobs) over the year.

- The manufacturing sector posted annual losses of 15,900 jobs. Both the durable and nondurable goods producing sectors experienced losses, of 11,000 and 4,900 respectively.

Unemployment Rate Continues Monthly Decline

The state's unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted), declined slightly to 2.7 percent in May 1988, down from 2.9 percent in April 1988. Massachusetts' May unemployment rate ranked as the lowest of the eleven largest industrial states.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

MASSACHUSETTS

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	MAY 1988	APR 1988	MAY 1987	#	%	#	%
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	3124.4	3099.7	3056.1	24.7	0.8	68.3	2.2
Manufacturing	583.6	584.1	599.5	-0.5	-0.1	-15.9	-2.7
Durable Goods	387.9	387.9	398.9	0.0	****	-11.0	-2.8
Lumber & Furniture	13.6	13.6	13.7	0.0	****	-0.1	-0.7
Stone,Clay & Glass	10.7	10.7	10.5	0.0	****	0.2	1.9
Primary Metals	15.6	15.4	15.5	0.2	1.3	0.1	0.6
Fabricated Metals	40.0	40.3	41.5	-0.3	-0.7	-1.5	-3.6
Cutlery,Hand tools,Hardware	8.5	8.6	8.9	-0.1	-1.2	-0.4	-4.5
Machinery, except electrical	101.1	101.5	103.4	-0.4	-0.4	-2.3	-2.2
Metalworking machinery	12.6	12.8	12.6	-0.2	-1.6	0.0	****
Special industry machinery	10.8	10.7	11.9	0.1	0.9	-1.1	-9.2
* Office Computing, & Accounting Machines	57.5	57.6	56.5	-0.1	-0.2	1.0	1.8
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	103.6	103.9	104.8	-0.3	-0.3	-1.2	-1.1
Communications equipment	40.4	40.4	40.6	0.0	****	-0.2	-0.5
Electronic components	42.6	42.8	41.7	-0.2	-0.5	0.9	2.2
Transportation equipment	32.2	31.2	36.5	1.0	3.2	-4.3	-11.8
Instruments	52.3	52.5	54.3	-0.2	-0.4	-2.0	-3.7
Measuring & Control devices	17.5	17.5	19.4	0.0	****	-1.9	-9.8
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	18.8	18.8	18.7	0.0	****	0.1	0.5
Jewelry	6.9	7.0	7.2	-0.1	-1.4	-0.3	-4.2
Nondurable Goods	195.7	196.2	200.6	-0.5	-0.3	-4.9	-2.4
Food & kindred products	19.6	19.6	20.9	0.0	****	-1.3	-6.2
Textile mill products	16.1	16.3	17.3	-0.2	-1.2	-1.2	-6.9
Apparel	23.9	24.0	25.6	-0.1	-0.4	-1.7	-6.6
Mens & Boys suits,coats & furnishings	6.5	6.5	6.8	0.0	****	-0.3	-4.4
Paper & allied products	24.3	24.2	24.5	0.1	0.4	-0.2	-0.8
Printing & Publishing	56.5	56.4	54.9	0.1	0.2	1.6	2.9
Chemicals	17.1	17.2	17.5	-0.1	-0.6	-0.4	-2.3
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	27.9	28.2	29.4	-0.3	-1.1	-1.5	-5.1
Miscellaneous Plastic products	21.4	21.6	22.4	-0.2	-0.9	-1.0	-4.5
Leather & Leather products	8.6	8.6	9.0	0.0	****	-0.4	-4.4
Footwear, except rubber	4.3	4.2	4.5	0.1	2.4	-0.2	-4.4
Mining	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	****	0.1	5.6
Construction	151.2	143.6	136.2	7.6	5.3	15.0	11.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	130.8	129.7	129.8	1.1	0.8	1.0	0.8
Wholesale & Retail trade	730.7	721.2	719.0	9.5	1.3	11.7	1.6
Wholesale Trade	174.1	173.3	169.6	0.8	0.5	4.5	2.7
Retail Trade	556.6	547.9	549.4	8.7	1.6	7.2	1.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	227.8	225.7	215.7	2.1	0.9	12.1	5.6
Banking	65.6	65.5	63.4	0.1	0.2	2.2	3.5
Services	888.7	883.5	852.6	5.2	0.6	36.1	4.2
Health Services	250.1	249.4	243.1	0.7	0.3	7.0	2.9
Educational Services	119.8	123.4	119.8	-3.6	-2.9	0.0	****
Government	409.7	410.0	401.5	-0.3	-0.1	8.2	2.0
Federal	62.6	63.7	61.7	-1.1	-1.7	0.9	1.5
U.S. Postal Service	27.9	27.9	26.2	0.0	****	1.7	6.5
State	102.4	102.3	99.5	0.1	0.1	2.9	2.9
Educational services	27.5	27.8	27.5	-0.3	-1.1	0.0	****
Local	244.7	244.0	240.3	0.7	0.3	4.4	1.8
Educational services	139.3	139.8	137.5	-0.5	-0.4	1.8	1.3
Other Local	105.4	104.2	102.8	1.2	1.2	2.6	2.5
* High Technology Manufacturing	237.3	238.1	240.3	-0.8	-0.3	-3.0	-1.2
* High Technology Nonmanufacturing	88.9	88.3	84.6	0.6	0.7	4.3	5.1

NOTE: By place of work, not comparable to labor force employment statistics
* - Not currently validated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT
BOSTON PMSA

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	MAY 1988	APR 1988	MAY 1987	#	%	#	%
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1752.0	1741.8	1718.6	10.2	0.6	33.4	1.9
Manufacturing	275.3	274.8	282.2	0.5	0.2	-6.9	-2.4
Durable Goods	195.7	195.1	201.6	0.6	0.3	-5.9	-2.9
Primary Metals	3.4	3.4	3.2	0.0	****	0.2	6.3
Fabricated Metals	15.5	15.5	16.0	0.0	****	-0.5	-3.1
Machinery, except electrical	47.2	47.4	48.7	-0.2	-0.4	-1.5	-3.1
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	59.2	59.3	58.8	-0.1	-0.2	0.4	0.7
Transportation equipment	20.1	19.0	23.8	1.1	5.8	-3.7	-15.5
Instruments	38.9	39.0	39.7	-0.1	-0.3	-0.8	-2.0
Nondurable Goods	79.6	79.7	80.6	-0.1	-0.1	-1.0	-1.2
Food & kindred products	11.3	11.2	11.6	0.1	0.9	-0.3	-2.6
Textile mill products	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	****	0.2	8.7
Apparel	6.1	6.3	6.9	-0.2	-3.2	-0.8	-11.6
Paper & allied products	6.8	6.8	7.1	0.0	****	-0.3	-4.2
Printing & Publishing	33.6	33.6	33.0	0.0	****	0.6	1.8
Chemicals	8.2	8.2	8.2	0.0	****	0.0	****
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	8.0	8.1	8.4	-0.1	-1.2	-0.4	-4.8
Leather & Leather products	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	****	-0.1	-4.2
Mining	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	****	0.2	25.0
Construction	74.1	71.3	68.5	2.8	3.9	5.6	8.2
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	76.1	75.5	75.7	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.5
Wholesale & Retail trade	386.5	383.8	384.5	2.7	0.7	2.0	0.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	155.4	154.7	149.0	0.7	0.5	6.4	4.3
Banking	44.4	44.2	41.7	0.2	0.5	2.7	6.5
Insurance	36.4	36.3	37.0	0.1	0.3	-0.6	-1.6
Services	573.0	571.6	555.7	1.4	0.2	17.3	3.1
Health Services	142.0	141.6	138.2	0.4	0.3	3.8	2.7
Educational Services	89.8	91.6	92.7	-1.8	-2.0	-2.9	-3.1
Government	210.6	209.1	202.2	1.5	0.7	8.4	4.2
Federal	38.1	38.2	38.0	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	0.3
U.S. Postal Service	15.4	15.4	14.6	0.0	****	0.8	5.5
Federal Hospitals	4.8	4.8	5.1	0.0	****	-0.3	-5.9
State	51.3	50.6	48.3	0.7	1.4	3.0	6.2
State Hospitals	5.1	5.0	4.7	0.1	2.0	0.4	8.5
Educational services	8.9	8.8	8.6	0.1	1.1	0.3	3.5
Local	121.2	120.3	115.9	0.9	0.7	5.3	4.6

NOTE: By place of work, not comparable to labor force employment statistics

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	MAY 1988	APR 1988	MAY 1987	#	%	#	%
SPRINGFIELD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	244.2	242.6	237.4	1.6	0.7	6.8	2.9
Manufacturing	51.5	51.5	50.6	0.0	****	0.9	1.8
Durable Goods	26.5	26.6	25.6	-0.1	-0.4	0.9	3.5
Fabricated Metals	7.0	7.1	7.0	-0.1	-1.4	0.0	****
Machinery, except electrical	6.5	6.5	6.1	0.0	****	0.4	6.6
Nondurable Goods	25.0	24.9	25.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	****
Textile mill products	1.6	1.5	1.7	0.1	6.7	-0.1	-5.9
Apparel	0.9	0.9	1.1	0.0	****	-0.2	-18.2
Paper & allied products	8.2	8.0	7.7	0.2	2.5	0.5	6.5
Printing & Publishing	6.1	6.2	6.3	-0.1	-1.6	-0.2	-3.2
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	****	0.0	****
Construction	10.4	9.7	9.9	0.7	7.2	0.5	5.1
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	9.9	9.9	9.6	0.0	****	0.3	3.1
Wholesale & Retail trade	57.4	57.0	56.0	0.4	0.7	1.4	2.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	16.8	16.6	15.9	0.2	1.2	0.9	5.7
Services	59.8	59.4	57.0	0.4	0.7	2.8	4.9
Government	38.3	38.4	38.3	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	****
Federal	6.1	6.2	6.1	-0.1	-1.6	0.0	****
State	8.6	8.6	8.3	0.0	****	0.3	3.6
Local	23.6	23.6	23.9	0.0	****	-0.3	-1.3
WORCESTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	206.6	205.9	198.5	0.7	0.3	8.1	4.1
Manufacturing	45.9	46.2	45.7	-0.3	-0.6	0.2	0.4
Durable Goods	30.8	31.0	30.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.6	2.0
Primary Metals	2.2	2.2	2.0	0.0	****	0.2	10.0
Fabricated Metals	6.8	6.9	6.7	-0.1	-1.4	0.1	1.5
Machinery, except electrical	9.9	10.0	10.1	-0.1	-1.0	-0.2	-2.0
Nondurable Goods	15.1	15.2	15.5	-0.1	-0.7	-0.4	-2.6
Textile mill products	2.6	2.7	2.9	-0.1	-3.7	-0.3	-10.3
Leather & Leather products	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.1	16.7	-0.1	-12.5
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	****	0.1	100.0
Construction	10.5	9.9	9.6	0.6	6.1	0.9	9.4
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	8.4	8.4	8.6	0.0	****	-0.2	-2.3
Wholesale & Retail trade	48.4	48.1	47.4	0.3	0.6	1.0	2.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	14.9	14.8	13.8	0.1	0.7	1.1	8.0
Services	52.6	52.5	49.1	0.1	0.2	3.5	7.1
Government	25.7	25.8	24.2	-0.1	-0.4	1.5	6.2

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	MAY 1988	APR 1988	May 1987	#	%	#	%
BROCKTON PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	74.0	73.6	71.9	0.4	0.5	2.1	2.9
Manufacturing	11.5	11.4	11.3	0.1	0.9	0.2	1.8
Durable Goods	6.3	6.2	6.1	0.1	1.6	0.2	3.3
Electrical & Electronic machinery,equip.,etc.	1.3	1.3	1.4	0.0	****	-0.1	-7.1
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.2	5.2	0.0	****	0.0	****
Construction	4.3	4.1	3.7	0.2	4.9	0.6	16.2
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.0	****	-0.1	-2.0
Wholesale & Retail trade	22.9	22.7	21.9	0.2	0.9	1.0	4.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.2	3.1	3.1	0.1	3.2	0.1	3.2
Services	15.4	15.6	14.9	-0.2	-1.3	0.5	3.4
Government	11.7	11.7	11.9	0.0	****	-0.2	-1.7
Federal	3.1	3.1	2.9	0.0	****	0.2	6.9
State	2.5	2.5	2.4	0.0	****	0.1	4.2
Local	6.1	6.1	6.6	0.0	****	-0.5	-7.6
LAWRENCE - HAVERHILL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	166.0	164.9	162.5	1.1	0.7	3.5	2.2
Manufacturing	50.0	50.2	51.0	-0.2	-0.4	-1.0	-2.0
Durable Goods	36.6	36.7	37.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6	-1.6
Nondurable Goods	13.4	13.5	13.8	-0.1	-0.7	-0.4	-2.9
Leather & Leather products	1.8	1.7	1.8	0.1	5.9	0.0	****
Construction	8.4	8.0	8.3	0.4	5.0	0.1	1.2
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	6.7	6.6	6.9	0.1	1.5	-0.2	-2.9
Wholesale & Retail trade	37.9	37.1	36.0	0.8	2.2	1.9	5.3
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	6.5	6.5	6.3	0.0	****	0.2	3.2
Services	35.1	34.7	33.0	0.4	1.2	2.1	6.4
Government	21.4	21.8	21.0	-0.4	-1.8	0.4	1.9

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	MAY 1988	APR 1988	MAY 1987	#	%	#	%
*** PITTSFIELD MSA**							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	42.8	42.3	42.5	0.5	1.2	0.3	0.7
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	****	0.0	****
Manufacturing	11.0	11.1	12.1	-0.1	-0.9	-1.1	-9.1
Machinery	6.3	6.3	7.5	0.0	****	-1.2	-16.0
All other manufacturing	4.7	4.8	4.6	-0.1	-2.1	0.1	2.2
Construction	2.8	2.6	2.5	0.2	7.7	0.3	12.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.1	10.0	0.0	****
Wholesale & Retail trade	9.9	9.7	9.5	0.2	2.1	0.4	4.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	****	0.0	****
Services	10.7	10.6	10.1	0.1	0.9	0.6	5.9
Government	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	****	0.1	2.0
NEW BEDFORD MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	68.7	68.2	66.7	0.5	0.7	2.0	3.0
Manufacturing	18.9	18.8	19.5	0.1	0.5	-0.6	-3.1
Durable Goods	8.0	8.0	8.2	0.0	****	-0.2	-2.4
Primary & Fabricated Metals	2.3	2.3	2.8	0.0	****	-0.5	-17.9
Nondurable Goods	10.9	10.8	11.3	0.1	0.9	-0.4	-3.5
Apparel	5.7	5.7	5.8	0.0	****	-0.1	-1.7
Construction	3.5	3.4	3.2	0.1	2.9	0.3	9.4
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.0	2.9	2.8	0.1	3.4	0.2	7.1
Wholesale & Retail trade	16.9	16.8	16.4	0.1	0.6	0.5	3.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.7	2.6	2.5	0.1	3.8	0.2	8.0
Services	13.3	13.2	12.6	0.1	0.8	0.7	5.6
Government	10.4	10.5	9.7	-0.1	-1.0	0.7	7.2
FALL RIVER MASS. - R.I. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	55.9	55.6	55.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.7
Manufacturing	15.6	15.9	16.9	-0.3	-1.9	-1.3	-7.7
Textile mill products	3.9	4.1	4.3	-0.2	-4.9	-0.4	-9.3
All other manufacturing	11.7	11.8	12.6	-0.1	-0.8	-0.9	-7.1
Construction	2.7	2.5	2.5	0.2	8.0	0.2	8.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	****	0.0	****
Wholesale & Retail trade	15.2	15.1	13.9	0.1	0.7	1.3	9.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	3.2	3.1	3.0	0.1	3.2	0.2	6.7
Services	10.7	10.6	10.3	0.1	0.9	0.4	3.9
Government	6.6	6.5	7.0	0.1	1.5	-0.4	-5.7

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			CHANGE			
				Prior Mo.		Year Ago	
	MAY 1988	APR 1988	MAY 1987	#	%	#	%
FITCHBURG - LEOMINSTER MSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	40.8	40.4	40.3	0.4	1.0	0.5	1.2
Manufacturing	11.5	11.6	11.9	-0.1	-0.9	-0.4	-3.4
Durable Goods	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	****	0.1	2.2
Machinery, except electrical	3.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	****	0.1	3.4
Nondurable Goods	6.8	6.9	7.3	-0.1	-1.4	-0.5	-6.8
Rubber & miscellaneous Plastic products	3.5	3.6	4.0	-0.1	-2.8	-0.5	-12.5
Construction	2.8	2.6	2.5	0.2	7.7	0.3	12.0
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	1.6	1.7	1.6	-0.1	-5.9	0.0	****
Wholesale & Retail trade	10.3	10.1	10.0	0.2	2.0	0.3	3.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.9	1.8	1.8	0.1	5.6	0.1	5.6
Services	8.4	8.2	7.8	0.2	2.4	0.6	7.7
Government	4.3	4.4	4.7	-0.1	-2.3	-0.4	-8.5
LOWELL MASS. - N.H. PMSA							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	107.9	107.3	105.8	0.6	0.6	2.1	2.0
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.0	****	-0.1	-50.0
Manufacturing	36.2	36.1	36.2	0.1	0.3	0.0	****
Construction	6.2	5.8	5.6	0.4	6.9	0.6	10.7
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.4	3.3	3.7	0.1	3.0	-0.3	-8.1
Wholesale & Retail trade	22.9	23.0	22.5	-0.1	-0.4	0.4	1.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	4.3	4.2	4.3	0.1	2.4	0.0	****
Services	20.8	20.6	20.0	0.2	1.0	0.8	4.0
Government	14.0	14.2	13.3	-0.2	-1.4	0.7	5.3
***SALEM - GLOUCESTER PMSA**							
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	114.9	113.0	111.5	1.9	1.7	3.4	3.0
Manufacturing	21.6	21.5	21.9	0.1	0.5	-0.3	-1.4
Durable Goods	14.9	14.9	15.3	0.0	****	-0.4	-2.6
Nondurable Goods	6.7	6.6	6.6	0.1	1.5	0.1	1.5
Construction	5.3	4.9	4.7	0.4	8.2	0.6	12.8
Transportation, Communication & Public Utilities	3.9	3.8	3.6	0.1	2.6	0.3	8.3
Wholesale & Retail trade	33.6	32.9	33.0	0.7	2.1	0.6	1.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	5.9	5.8	5.4	0.1	1.7	0.5	9.3
Services	28.3	27.8	27.1	0.5	1.8	1.2	4.4
Government	16.2	16.2	15.7	0.0	****	0.5	3.2

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Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

MANUFACTURING

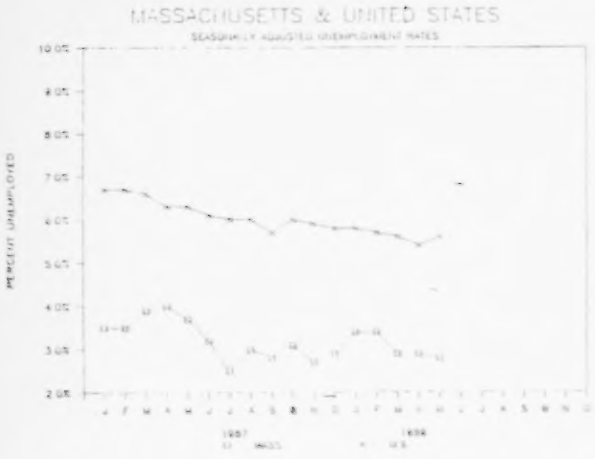
Area	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	MAY 88	APR 88	MAY 87	MAY 88	APR 88	MAY 87
UNITED STATES	40.9	41.0	40.9	$10.14	$10.12	$9.87
MASSACHUSETTS	40.8	41.2	41.0	10.12	10.12	9.67
BOSTON	41.4	41.4	40.6	10.94	10.90	10.65
BROCKTON	40.2	40.6	40.8	8.47	8.40	7.92
FALL RIVER	36.9	37.3	37.9	7.63	7.63	7.51
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL	40.1	40.2	40.5	10.09	10.03	9.86
LOWELL	42.6	42.3	43.2	10.01	10.06	10.10
NEW BEDFORD	38.2	37.8	38.3	8.76	8.72	8.19
SPRINGFIELD	42.7	42.9	42.1	9.67	9.56	9.14
WORCESTER	40.1	40.1	41.3	10.26	10.30	9.75

Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS BY INDUSTRY

MASSACHUSETTS

Industry	Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	MAY 88	APR 88	MAY 87	MAY 88	APR 88	MAY 87
MANUFACTURING	40.8	41.2	41.0	10.12	10.12	9.67
DURABLE GOODS	41.1	41.6	41.5	10.57	10.59	10.14
LUMBER & FURNITURE	39.5	39.0	40.0	7.93	7.82	7.35
STONE, CLAY & GLASS	42.0	40.1	41.1	12.27	12.53	11.60
PRIMARY METALS	41.6	41.8	44.7	10.18	10.06	9.10
FABRICATED METALS	41.7	41.8	40.1	10.63	10.57	10.16
CUTLERY, ETC.	45.4	45.1	43.7	11.23	11.09	11.19
MACHINERY, EX. ELEC.	42.0	43.8	42.2	10.73	10.84	10.61
METALWORKING MACH.	44.0	44.5	43.3	11.10	11.17	11.01
SPECIAL INDU. MACH.	43.7	44.3	43.3	12.15	12.04	11.71
ELEC. & ELECTRON. MACH.	41.0	41.3	42.5	10.15	10.17	9.66
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIP.	41.5	41.3	42.4	10.56	10.55	10.69
ELECTRONIC COMP.	40.8	41.6	43.3	10.06	10.10	9.72
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	43.7	43.8	39.9	12.77	12.72	11.89
INSTRUMENTS	37.8	39.3	40.4	10.93	10.97	10.86
MEAS. & CONTROL DEVICES	45.8	44.7	44.2	8.55	8.66	8.03
MISC. MANUFAC. IND.	42.0	41.2	41.5	9.08	8.88	8.71
JEWELRY	42.2	41.9	41.7	7.89	7.83	7.47
NONDURABLE GOODS	40.4	40.7	40.2	9.48	9.45	8.89
FOOD & KINDRED PROD.	39.0	39.4	41.2	10.01	10.11	9.75
TEXTILE MILL PROD.	42.8	42.1	41.9	8.80	8.66	8.10
APPAREL	38.5	38.6	40.1	6.44	6.37	6.37
MENS & BOYS SUITS	40.3	40.2	41.5	7.30	7.38	7.15
PAPER & ALLIED PRODUCTS	45.1	45.5	44.9	10.34	10.20	9.20
PRINTING &-PUBLISHING	37.0	38.0	37.4	10.20	10.30	9.98
CHEMICALS	43.7	44.0	40.3	11.83	11.80	11.29
RUBBER & PLASTIC PROD.	42.5	42.5	41.0	9.49	9.42	8.55
MISC. PLAS. PROD.	41.3	41.2	39.8	9.43	9.40	8.19
LEATHER & LEATHER PROD.	37.0	37.1	36.2	7.60	7.55	7.43
FOOTWEAR, EX. RUBBER	37.9	38.3	35.8	6.74	6.80	6.68



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North Carolina had the second lowest rate (3.5 percent), while Texas had the highest unemployment rate (7.2 percent). At the national level, the unemployment rate rose slightly to 5.6 percent, up from April's rate of 5.4 percent.

- The Boston PMSA's unemployment rate of 2.3 percent represented the lowest rate in the state for the major labor market areas. Other areas experiencing low unemployment included the Worcester MSA (2.5 percent), the Springfield MSA (2.6 percent) and the Salem-Gloucester PMSA (2.6 percent).

- Despite seasonal increases in the demand for workers, the Fall River PMSA and the New Bedford MSA experienced the highest unemployment rates of the major labor areas with 4.0 percent and 4.3 percent respectively.

- Intense seasonal demand for workers continues in the Nantucket labor area, as its unemployment rate remains the lowest of the smaller areas at 1.2 percent. In the Athol and Southbridge labor areas, the percentage unemployed reached 4.7 percent and 3.8 percent respectively.

Boston's Prices Increase Slightly Faster than Nation's

The Commonwealth's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 2.8 percent for May 1988, is significantly lower than the national rate of 5.6 percent. This low rate reflects the strength and continued growth of the state's economy. However, one side effect often occuring with low unemployment is inflation. Wages and prices rise with declining unemployment because of increased consumer and producer demand. Thus, as a result of Massachusetts' relative prosperity, the local inflation rate surpasses the national level. From May 1987 to May 1988, the CPI or consumer price index increased by 6.8 percent in the Boston area. Upward pressure on prices at the national level produced a CPI of 3.9 percent.

Consumer Price Index

Boston PMSA and the United States

May 1987 and May 1988

	CPI May 87	CPI May 88	% Change
Boston PMSA	115.3	123.1	6.8
United States	113.1	117.5	3.9

(1982 - 1984 = 100)

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
UNITED STATES AND MASSACHUSETTS
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

	May 1988	April 1988	May 1987
United States	5.6	5.4	6.3
Massachusetts	2.8	2.9	3.5
Labor Force	3,124.0	3,163.0	3,081.0
Employed	3,036.0	3,072.0	2,972.0
Unemployed	88.0	91.0	109.0

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	May 1988	April 1988	May 1987
UNITED STATES			
LABOR FORCE	120,775,000	120,264,000	119,695,000
EMPLOYMENT	114,222,000	113,905,000	112,377,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,553,000	6,359,000	7,318,000
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	5.4	5.3	6.1
MASSACHUSETTS			
LABOR FORCE	3,105,800	3,135,400	3,062,900
EMPLOYMENT	3,022,000	3,043,800	2,959,600
UNEMPLOYMENT	83,800	91,600	103,300
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.7	2.9	3.4
MAJOR LABOR AREAS			
BOSTON PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	1,540,210	1,556,360	1,522,150
EMPLOYMENT	1,504,040	1,517,090	1,477,940
UNEMPLOYMENT	36,170	39,270	44,210
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.3	2.5	2.9
BROCKTON PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	97,570	99,150	95,460
EMPLOYMENT	94,430	95,850	91,760
UNEMPLOYMENT	3,140	3,290	3,700
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.2	3.3	3.9
FALL RIVER PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	74,600	75,750	75,010
EMPLOYMENT	71,400	72,050	70,780
UNEMPLOYMENT	3,200	3,700	4,230
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.3	4.9	5.6
FITCHBURG-LEOMINSTER MSA			
LABOR FORCE	45,130	45,780	46,770
EMPLOYMENT	43,720	44,270	44,580
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,420	1,510	2,190
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.1	3.3	4.7
LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	184,350	186,320	183,470
EMPLOYMENT	178,140	179,530	174,720
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,210	6,800	8,750
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.4	3.6	4.8
LOWELL PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	149,030	151,650	148,710
EMPLOYMENT	144,800	147,350	143,390
UNEMPLOYMENT	4,240	4,300	5,320
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.8	2.8	3.6
NEW BEDFORD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	85,370	86,830	83,550
EMPLOYMENT	81,940	82,810	79,070
UNEMPLOYMENT	3,430	4,020	4,480
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.0	4.6	5.4

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LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT
UNITED STATES, MASSACHUSETTS AND THE LABOR AREA
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

(In Thousands)

AREA	May 1988	April 1988	May 1987
PITTSFIELD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	40,550	41,210	40,170
EMPLOYMENT	38,970	39,450	38,710
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,580	1,760	1,460
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.9	4.3	3.6
SALEM-GLOUCESTER PMSA			
LABOR FORCE	152,950	153,570	150,110
EMPLOYMENT	149,000	148,980	145,110
UNEMPLOYMENT	3,950	4,590	4,990
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.6	3.0	3.3
SPRINGFIELD MSA			
LABOR FORCE	253,120	256,120	248,400
EMPLOYMENT	246,460	248,980	240,010
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,650	7,140	8,390
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.6	2.8	3.4
WORCESTER MSA			
LABOR FORCE	218,890	220,990	211,590
EMPLOYMENT	213,330	215,280	205,180
UNEMPLOYMENT	5,560	5,700	6,410
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.5	2.6	3.0
OTHER LABOR AREAS			
AMHERST LMA			
LABOR FORCE	30,630	31,080	29,960
EMPLOYMENT	29,930	30,390	29,160
UNEMPLOYMENT	710	690	800
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	2.3	2.2	2.7
ATHOL LMA			
LABOR FORCE	10,040	10,120	10,060
EMPLOYMENT	9,570	9,610	9,590
UNEMPLOYMENT	470	510	480
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	4.7	5.0	4.7
ATTLEBORO LMA			
LABOR FORCE	48,890	49,450	47,760
EMPLOYMENT	47,080	47,300	45,610
UNEMPLOYMENT	1,810	2,150	2,150
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.7	4.4	4.5
BARNSTABLE LMA			
LABOR FORCE	99,900	96,660	99,510
EMPLOYMENT	96,590	92,540	95,870
UNEMPLOYMENT	3,320	4,130	3,640
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	3.3	4.3	3.7
DUKES COUNTY LMA			
LABOR FORCE	7,000	6,770	6,460
EMPLOYMENT	6,870	6,570	6,270
UNEMPLOYMENT	130	200	190
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	1.9	3.0	3.0

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